

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 354**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rick Ripley, on April 22, 2015 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Rick Ripley, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

**Executive Action:** SB 354

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 354**

00:00:48 Chairman Ripley

00:00:55 **Motion:** Sen. Jones moved that **SB 354 DO PASS.**

00:01:12 **Motion:** Sen. Jones moved that **SB 354 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(frs82sb0354a01)

**Discussion:**

00:01:46 Chairman Ripley

00:01:57 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:06:32 Chairman Ripley

00:07:07 Sen. Sesso

00:10:00 Ms. Johnson, LSD

00:10:51 Chairman Ripley

00:14:46 Sen. Sesso

00:14:59 Chairman Ripley

00:15:51 Ms. Johnson

00:16:30 Chairman Ripley

00:16:37 Sen. Sesso

00:16:54 Sen. Jones

00:19:23 Chairman Ripley

00:20:40 Rep. Lieser

00:20:51 Chairman Ripley

00:22:15 Sen. Sesso

00:22:20 Chairman Ripley

00:24:05 Sen. Jones

00:24:15 Chairman Ripley

00:24:31 **Substitute/Motion:** Sen. Jones moved that **SB 354 BE AMENDED BY**  
**SEGREGATING # 17 FROM AMENDMENT SB035404.AJJ.**

**Discussion:**

00:24:58 Sen. Sesso

00:29:00 Chairman Ripley

00:29:22 Sen. Sesso

00:29:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote by both the House and the Senate.

**Discussion:**

00:30:01 Sen. Sesso

00:33:28 Chairman Ripley

00:33:36 Ms. Johnson

00:34:37 Chairman Ripley

00:35:31     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote by both the House and the Senate. (on amendment # SB035404.AJJ)

**Discussion:**

00:36:51     Sen. Jones  
00:37:02     Chairman Ripley  
00:37:07     Rep. Bennett  
00:37:17     Sen. Jones  
00:37:28     Chairman Ripley  
00:37:45     Sen. Sesso  
00:37:49     Chairman Ripley

00:38:33     Recess  
00:45:04     Reconvened

**Discussion:**

00:45:15     Chairman Ripley recessed the free conference committee until 9 A.M. on April 23, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([frs82sb0354aad.pdf](#))